

Pythian Awareness Week

Pythian Awareness Week is the week celebrating the founding of the Order Universal intended for promotion and recruiting new members. Take advantage of Pythian Awareness Week from February 19th (the 161st Anniversary of Our Order) through February 26th.

A highlight of the week is enabling members around the world to participate in similar activities for maximum effect. Knights in the US, Canada, England, Italy, and the Philippines are asked to honor the week while reliving the Order's founding on February 19, 1864, in Washington, DC. **(Copies of the *Recollections of the First Meeting February 19, 1864*, are available to Subordinate and Grand Lodges-contact the Supreme Secretary).**

Our Order has grown, is diverse and all-inclusive, and fosters Community Service to benefit the public in the practice of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

From the start, it was founded to help bring the country together looking to the end of the American Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln, meeting with several early members, called its purposes most wonderful and supported that its great principles be perpetuated.

Three American presidents were members: William B. McKinley and Warren G. Harding; including Franklin Delano Roosevelt who became a member in the White House, February 19, 1936.

Pythian Awareness Week is the designation for purposes of public promotion and events introducing Our Order and seeking new members. In addition to being non-Sectarian, its membership has included women since August 2019.

Take advantage of working together and honor the founding of the Knights of Pythias.

Fraternally,

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